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## **Corps Temporarily Closes Two Hunting Areas for Shoreline Clean Up**

**Mobile, Ala.**--The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at West Point Project announced that the Maple Creek/Potts Road and Bird Creek hunting areas would be closed on March 26, the opening day of turkey hunting season in Georgia. These closures are necessary because of a volunteer shoreline clean up that is scheduled to take place at both locations, according to Corps officials.

“We are asking hunters to avoid these two popular areas on opening day so that we can get our volunteers in there and pick up trash,” said Chief Park Ranger David Barr. “Shorelines in both of these places have heavy accumulations of trash from the flood we had back in 2009, and we hope to get most of it removed”, said Barr. Signs announcing the closure will be posted at the entrances to both sites to alert hunters. Both sites will be opened for hunting on Sunday, March 27.

The shoreline clean up is an annual event sponsored by the Corps in partnership with the West Point Lake Coalition. More than 700 volunteers are expected to participate in this year’s clean up.

For more information on the hunting area closure, or to volunteer for the shoreline clean up, call the West Point Project Management Office at 706-645-2937.